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By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, petition of Paul Kujawski for legislation to regulate the release of balloons into the environment. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT REGULATING THE RELEASE OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF BALLOONS INTO THE ENVIRONMENT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 93 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section:—

3 Section 107. (a) No person, firm or corporation shall intention-  
4 ally release, organize the release or intentionally cause to released  
5 within a twenty-four hour period, ten or more balloons inflated  
6 with a gas that is lighter than air, except for: (1) balloons released  
7 by a person on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant to a  
8 governmental contract for scientific or meteorological purposes;  
9 (2) hot air balloons that are covered after launching; or (3) bal-  
10 loons released indoors.

11 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a)  
12 shall be liable for a civil penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July first, two thou-  
2 sand and three.